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Supervisor Janice Rutherford Announces Charter Modernization Community Advisory Meeting

SAN BERNARDINO—October 17, 2013—San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chair Janice Rutherford invites comments and suggestions from the public at the Second District Charter Modernization Community Advisory Meeting. This meeting will include public discussion of possible charter provisions by Supervisor Rutherford and an appointed advisory committee, in addition to an opportunity for the general public to make comments and suggestions.

“San Bernardino County’s charter was ahead of its time in 1912, but it has never been comprehensively modernized,” Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford said. “We need to draw on the experience of the past century and the advice of independent organizations to develop a modern governing document.”

The charter is the county’s “constitution.” It establishes the county’s governmental structure, provides for elected officials’ terms and compensation, establishes ethics requirements, creates the framework for financial accountability, and so on.

Chair Rutherford emphasized that existing voter-approved provisions, like elected official term limits and compensation caps, should be maintained or strengthened.

The advisory meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24 at 2:30 p.m. at Supervisor Rutherford’s district office, located at 8575 Haven Ave in Rancho Cucamonga. Interested members of the public can RSVP by calling (909) 387-4833 or emailing SupervisorRutherford@sbcounty.gov. Attendees who RSVP will receive background research materials in advance, to help spur the conversation.

County voters will ultimately decide whether to approve any charter modifications the Board of Supervisors may decide to place on the ballot.

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